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POWER
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REQUIREMENT OF POWER IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power generation in Punjab is enough to meet the demand; and

(b) if not, the measures being taken by the Government to meet the demand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : During April-November, 2002 the energy requirement, availability (comprising its own generation as well as its share in jointly owned projects of BBMB and allocation from Central Sector Generating Stations in Northern Region) and shortage is as under :

(Figures in MUs)

April - November, 2002

Requirement	22,247
Availability	20,875
Shortage	1,372
(%)	6.2

(b) : Supply and distribution of electricity within a State is in the purview of concerned State Government/State Power Utility.The priority of power supply to various categories of consumers in the State is decided by the State Government, keeping in viewthe total availability of power from various sources in the State.

The Ministry of Power in the Government of India on its part is taking followingsteps to augment availability of power and thereby mitigate shortage of power in the country :

(i) Besides capacity addition of 1168 MW in the State/Private Sector, generationcapacity of 7340 MW is planned in the Central Sector during 10th Plan period in the Northern region in which the state will also have its entitlements.

(ii) Strengthening/Augmentation of sub-transmission and distribution network ofthe state system for reduction in T&D losses and improving quality in power supply. Funds are being provided to States for undertaking schemes forstrengthening/augmentation of sub-transmission and distribution system under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP).

(iii) Establishment/strengthening of inter-regional transmission links for enhancement of inter-state and inter-regional transfer of power for optimal utilization existing generation capacity in the country. Already, Sasaram HVDC back-to-back project has been commissioned which has enabled flow of surplus power from Eastern Region to Northern Region.PSEB is also abeneficiary of Eastern Region off-peak power.

(iv) Renovation, Modernisation and Life Extension (R&M&LE) of old andnefficient generating units for improving generation performance. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has provided loan with interest subsidy to PowerUtilities for undertaking RM&LE works under Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme (AG&SP).

(v) Demand side management and promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(vi) Strengthening/Augmentation of transmission system and formation ofNational Grid by the end of 11th Plan which will facilitate smooth flow of power from surplus States/Region to deficit States/Region.